



PUBLIC WORKS

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Meeting Date: January 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Location: City Administration Building, Conference Room 102
30 S. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

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| 1. Call To Order/Introductions | Jim Ramsey |
| 2. Citizen Comment | Public |
| 3. Approval of Meeting Summary | Jim Ramsey |
| 4. New Business | |
| A. CTAB Meetings | Jim Ramsey |
| Action: Recommendation | |
| B. ATAC Openings | Jim Ramsey |
| Action: Discussion | |
| 5. Old Business | |
| A. Research Parkway Update | Kathleen Krager |
| Action: Comments | |
| B. Bike Master Plan Update | Kate Brady |
| Action: Comments | |
| C. Downtown Projects Update | Kate Brady |
| Action: Comments | |
| 6. Staff and ATAC Communications | Jim Ramsey |
| 7. Next Month Topics | Jim Ramsey |
| 8. Adjournment | Jim Ramsey |

Future Agenda Items:

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| • Trail/On-Street Bike Connections | • Complete Streets |
| • Livability/Walkability | • Wayfinding |
| • Bike Map Update | • Old North End Neighborhood Plan |
| • Protected Bike Lanes Workshop | • Right-turn accel/decel lane conflict |



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Meeting Date: December 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Location: City Administration Building, Conference Room 102
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Members Present: Jim Ramsey, Bonnie Johnson, Aubrey Day, Doug Bursnall, Stephanie Surch, Mark Hopewell

Staff Present: Kate Brady, Traffic Engineering; Tim Roberts, Traffic Engineering, Ryan Phipps, City Engineering; Chris Lieber, Parks & Recreation

Others Present: Mark Schenberger, Dave Van DerWege, Andrew Van DerWege, Carolos Perez, Allen Beauchamp, Lee Millner, Susan Davies

9. Call To Order/Introductions Jim Ramsey
- Jim Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

10. Citizen Comment Public
- Dave Van DerWege commented that he had come to the meeting for the Trails agenda item. He wanted to make a point that he feels very strongly about the coordination of streets and trails come together as a routes program, and the division evaporates when it comes to bicycles and pedestrians. Parks is integral to ATAC. He would like someone in the streets part of it to look as the grade crossings on Rock Island. They are inconsistent, and look at the safety factor of this.
 - Carlos Perez stated he is a resident of Briargate and he has been using the bike lanes. He feels the project is unremarkable as it is only about 3 miles long and there's no traffic congestion and things have been running pretty smooth. He stated the concern is the buffered bike lanes. He wants to support not the product, but the process. He feels the process is under attack. He appreciates the process and soliciting citizen input. He stated "keep up the good work". He feels the neighbors were surprised, but this has evolved from a safety concern to there's a desire for "radical bicyclists" to impose their agenda. There's a group of persuadables in the neighborhood who do understand that safety is very important and respect the expertise of traffic engineers to do a better job as far as the

performance and safety of the roadway. But there is a very vocal and organized group that are raising money and putting out fliers that make assertion that the “traffic congestion brought to you by our political leaders”. He finds it very unsettling that politics is being brought into what should be a rational decision making process. He is concerned it’s becoming a proxy war for safe cycling infrastructure. Opponents of Research are critiquing the Bike Master Plan, not just Research Parkway, but the whole city.

- Allen Beauchamp stated Cory Sutela contacted him and would like it noted Bike Colorado Springs would like to be very engaged in the Bike Master Plan process. Also for downtown connections, in particular Pikes Peak project. Concerning Friends of Research and Restore Research, it has evolved into a conspiracy theory issue. They believe Mayor Suthers has an agenda and he wants a “gold star” as gubernatorial tickmark for him. They are calling into question the hiring of the Bike Planner and have done CORA requests regarding Kate’s hiring and his status within the City. They have found out the Bike Master Plan process is starting and they think it’s in excess of \$150,000 and their opinion is the money is being misspent. They are looking at the entire city and have a very passionate group of people that are totally opposed to the effort. On January 18th Bike Colorado Springs and advocacy group are going to come together at Pizza Time and host a public meeting.
- Lee Milner stated he is on the TOPS working committee and is here for the Trails agenda item. He is primarily interested in S. Shooks Run and the connection across the railroad tracks at Las Vegas, and the closing of the S. Royer cutoff.

11. Approval of Meeting Summary

Jim Ramsey

- Jim Ramsey commented he had requested Aubrey Day’s assessment of Bike Master Plan process, and should be mentioned in item C.
- Mr. Ramsey also commented that there was a larger conversation about Research Parkway than was mentioned in the minutes and wished that to continue.
- **Mark Hopewell motioned to approve the minutes from the 11-15-16 meeting, Bonnie Surch seconds; Motion passed unanimously.**

12. New Business

A. 2017 Missing Sidewalk Program

Ryan Phipps

Action: Comments

- Ryan Phipps updated the Committee on 2017 Missing Sidewalk Program.
- He provided the outline for the whole program, which focuses on infilling sidewalks throughout the city...
- In 2017 focus will be on the southeast area and by the Broadmoor.
- This was scheduled to be ahead of Streets overlay, however now that 2C is in place, Streets is in every quadrant and they simply have to coordinate more closely.
- In general the goal is to improve and complete pedestrian network in the city.
- This is funded through two PPRTA accounts, Citywide Pedestrian Improvements and School and Neighborhoods. He attempts to break up the program to match the funding sources, with 2/3 related to citywide connections, and 1/3 related to neighborhoods and school routes.

- This is the third year of the program. More segments were planned for 2016, with approximately 3 miles of sidewalk.
- In 2017, approximately 4 miles are planned.
- The biggest segment planned is Airport Road between Circle and Chelton.
- There was discussion about evaluation and counts.
- Further discussion ensued regarding the process of assessing crossings, etc.

B. 2017 Trails Status

Chris Lieber

This item was heard following Item C

Action: Informational

- Chris Lieber gave a presentation regarding parks and trails.
- He described some of the duties he fulfills and what he oversees.
- He mentioned the emphasis has changed from acquiring more infrastructure to taking care of the infrastructure we have.
- He described the Parks Master Plan, which includes 140 miles of multi-use trails, plus another 100 miles of single track/back country trails.
- They try to provide facilities that work for a wide variety of user types.
- All users are valued equally.
- The average cost per person in comparable communities is over \$90, Colorado Springs is at \$44 per person.
- 40% of the maintenance budget goes to pay for water.
- He described how data was used for crossings and connections.
- There are \$2.1M in projects in the Master Plan.
- He described several future projects.
- Some of the projects will be 2-3 years out.
- There was discussion regarding community support of trails.

C. Boards and Commissions Ethics Training

Marc Smith

This item was heard following Item A

Action: Informational

- Marc Smith gave a presentation regarding ethics
- He provided information on revised ethics policies.
- He described who falls under the City's policies.
- The three major areas of concerns are gifts, conflicts of interest and job duties.
- Since ATAC's primary duties typically involve policy based decisions and recommendations to CTAB, if the Committee does that, the City would indemnify and defend their actions if there ever were to be a lawsuit.
- He further described situations when a Committee member may need to recuse themselves.
- He also described the Independent Ethics Commission.
- The line of communication needs to be open with CTAB to see what they want.
- Everything should be kept as open as possible.
- It may be good to have a CTAB member attend with an agenda item regarding what CTAB wants.
- There was discussion regarding communication between ATAC and CTAB, possibly having a joint meeting.

- **The quorum was lost at 6:45 p.m.**

13. Old Business

A. LAB BFC Application Review

Kate Brady

Action: Comments

- There was discussion regarding some of the summary questions from the application.
- The Committee will look at the application and think about some of the categories.
- Kate is waiting for some information from the League so she can complete the application.

B. Bike Master Plan Update

Kate Brady

Action: Comments

- There was a question regarding upcoming events about the Bike Master Plan.
- There was a suggestion for a workshop to be set up for this.

C. Downtown Projects Update

Kate Brady

Action: Comments

14. Staff and ATAC Communications

Jim Ramsey

15. Next Month Topics

Jim Ramsey

16. Adjournment

Jim Ramsey

- Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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